

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 is now pending. This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 2-27. The Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for any fees dues in connection with this paper.

Consideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone call would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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